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## Pankaj Oudhia

### Introduction

**Based on Ethnobotanical surveys since year 1990 in different parts of India Pankaj Oudhia has documented vital information about Medicinal Plants mentioned in the famous publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918). Through this research document Pankaj Oudhia has tried to present original document with additional notes. For complete paper with pictures, Interactive Tables, Video and Audio clips please visit [pankajoudhia.com](http://pankajoudhia.com)**

For original publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918) please visit <https://archive.org/details/indianmedicinalp01kirt>

7.05. *Pieris ovalifolia*, D.Don, h.f.b.i.. hi. 460.

Syn. : — *Andromeda ovalifolia*, Wall.

Vern. : — Ayar (H.) ; Ayatta, eilan, ellal, arur, arwan (Pb.) ;

Anjir, angiar, jagguchal (Nepal) ; Piazay (Bhutia) ; Kangshior  
(Lepcha).

Habitat: — Temperate Himalaya, from Kashmir to Bhotan

A deciduous tree. Bark thick, fibrous, peeling off in long narrow stripes, deeply cleft, the clefts often extending spirally round the stem. Wood light, reddish-brown, soft, even-grained, but warps badly. Height 20-40ft. Leaves 3-7 by 1-4in., ovate-elliptic oblong, acute or acuminate, entire, rounded at the base,

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coriaceous, glabrous, often pilose beneath when young, petiole i-Jin. Racemes axillary, simple, rarely falsely panicled by the suppression of leaves towards the ends of the branches (C. B. Clarke), more or less pubescent. Pedicels i-fin. long. Bracts Jin., lanceolate or linear, deciduous. Flowers white ; " sometimes pink or bluish," says Brandis. Calyx-lobes 5, triangular lanceolate, jVin., connate at the base. Corolla f-f in. or J-§ in. long, elongate ovoid, pubescent without ; lobes 5, short, recurved. Stamens 10, hypogynous ; filaments subulate, ciliate, with two filiform appendages, called " horns," at the apex ; anthers open

by terminal pores. Ovary 5-celled, ovules many in each cell.

Capsule Jin. diam., globose, loculicidally 5-valved ; seeds many, minute, linear-oblong (Kanjilal).

Use : — The young leaves and buds are poisonous to goats, they are used to kill insects, and an infusion of them is applied in cutaneous diseases (Gamble).

**[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *Through Ethnobotanical surveys I have collected information about over 8000 Formulations in which Lyonia roots are added as tertiary ingredient. These Formulations are mainly used for blood related diseases specially at advanced stages. Lyonia is popular among the expert Traditional Healers as wound healing plant. In treatment of Diabetes carbuncle it is used as promising remedy. With the help of Traditional Allelopathic Knowledge they treat different parts of Lyonia with herbal solutions in order to make it free from natural toxins. I have collected information about ten promising Shodhan methods. Please see Tables Lyonia-1 to Lyonia-100 for details.*]**

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